GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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CHEATING BY RECRUITMENT AGENTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that about 1000 Indians are stranded in Kuwait due to cheating of Indian recruiting agents; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken, if any, in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The Embassy of India in Kuwait reported that about one thousand persons were sent to Kuwait on `visit visa` by a number of Indian Recruiting Agents. On receipt of this information, all the concerned agents were asked to immediately arrange for repatriation of these persons . In case of unregistered recruiting agents the matter was taken up with the concerned Police authorities. As some of the registered recruiting agents were not co-operating in the matter, their licenses were initially suspended and then cancelled and the amount of bank guarantees deposited by them amounting to Rs. Twenty Six Lakh were forfeited. The Embassy of India in Kuwait was also requested to purchase return air tickets for these persons and the amount involved would be re-imburseable from the forfeited bank guarantees. As per the information received from the Embassy of India, Kuwait, only 168 persons are left to be repatriated as on 17.02.2002 for which appropriate action is being taken by the Embassy.